

K.A.R. 9-18-25. Prohibiting the sale or gift of certain animals by pet shops. (a) A pet shop shall not sell any reptiles, offer any reptiles for sale, or offer any reptiles as a gift or promotional consideration unless a notice regarding safe reptile-handling practices meeting the requirements of subsection (b) is prominently posted or displayed at each location in the pet shop where the reptiles are displayed, housed, or held.

(b) Each notice regarding safe reptile-handling practices shall be the notice provided at no charge by the Kansas department of agriculture upon the request of any pet shop, any notice created by the centers for disease control and prevention, or any other notice that meets the following requirements:

(1) The dimensions of each notice shall be at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches. The notice shall use one or more typefaces or fonts that are clearly visible and readily draw attention to the notice.

(2) At a minimum, the notice shall contain the following statements:

“As with many other animals, reptiles carry salmonella bacteria, which can make people sick. To reduce the chance of infection, follow these safe reptile-handling steps:

“Always wash your hands thoroughly after you handle your pet reptile, its food, and anything it has touched.

“Keep your pet reptile and its equipment out of the kitchen or any area where food is prepared.

“Don’t nuzzle or kiss your pet reptile.

“Keep reptiles out of homes where there are children less than one year of age or people with weakened immune systems. Children less than five should handle reptiles only with adult or

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parental guidance, and they should wash their hands afterwards.”

(c) A pet shop shall not possess, sell, offer for sale, or offer as a gift or promotional consideration any skunk, raccoon, fox, or coyote.

(d) A pet shop shall not possess, sell, offer for sale, or offer as a gift or promotional consideration any viable turtle eggs or live turtles with a carapace length of less than four inches. For purposes of this subsection, the term “turtle” shall include all animals commonly known as turtles, tortoises, terrapins, and all other animals of the order Testudinata, class Reptilia, except marine species. (Authorized by K.S.A. 47-1712; implementing K.S.A. 47-1713; effective P-_____.)

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